

## HE SOLD POISON TO MRS. SCHENK, DOCTOR TESTIFIES

Declares Prisoner After Purchase Asked That the Matter Be Kept Secret.

SHE WANTED ARSENIC.

Willing to Pay High Price, but Could Not Get That—Chauffeur Tells of Joy Rides.

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 17.—Dr. J. W. Myers, a well-known Wheeling physician, called to the stand this afternoon in the trial of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk, swore that the prisoner bought poison from him.

A few days before her arrest, the physician testified, Mrs. Schenk tried to purchase some arsenic, but he would not let her have it.

"I'll pay you a big price for it," witness said she declared in trying to bring about the transaction.

When he persisted in his refusal, Myers said, Mrs. Schenk declared she had previously bought some Fowler's solution of arsenic from another physician.

Asked Him to Keep Secret.

Dr. Myers said before that he had sold bichloride tablets and an ounce of sugar of lead to the prisoner.

He said she asked him to keep her visit a secret.

Lundy Wilson, twenty-one years old, chauffeur of John O. Schenk, was put on the stand by the prosecution. The testimony was expected to constitute one of the most important factors in the State's case.

Wilson told of Mrs. Schenk's attentions to Dan Phillips, the young music clerk.

"What do you know about Mrs. Schenk's midnight auto rides with Phillips?" Handlan asked.

"They often went riding," the witness replied.

"Mrs. Schenk would telephone and have me notify Phillips and take him little notes. I would call on him from the house. She would talk with him."

Horn Call a Signal.

"Mrs. Schenk would have me get beer and sandwiches, which we would put in the tonneau. We usually took along three sandwiches and three bottles of beer. Mrs. Schenk would not always drink her beer."

"We would ride into the country. We nearly always stopped at the same place. We would eat our lunch in the car. Then I would leave."

"Where did you go?" Handlan asked.

"Way, for a walk," witness said.

"When I heard the horn I would know it was time to go back. The lights of the machine would be out."

Mrs. Schenk, he said, told him of her love for the boyish clerk.

The defense tried hard to have this ruled out, but Court sustained the prosecutor.

Wilson related a tour from Wheeling to Cambridge, O., last spring. Mrs. Schenk was accompanied by Phillips and her two children.

Told of Her Love.

"On the way home, after Phillips had left the car," the chauffeur said, "Mrs. Schenk told me how much she loved Phillips."

On another occasion Wilson said Phillips and Mrs. Schenk left the car, stabled on a country road in Ohio, while he repaired a punctured tire.

Wilson told of Mrs. Schenk's taking him to a clothing store to try on a fur-lined overcoat intended for Phillips. The coat was not purchased.

Mrs. Schenk bought Phillips a diamond stickpin, Wilson testified. A hand painted smoking tray was another gift from the millionaire's wife to the clerk, witness said.

"Mrs. Schenk wanted Phillips to believe she painted it herself," Wilson said. "She gave him also a smoking jacket, raincoat and boxes of cigars."

Mrs. Schenk Takes Notes.

While Wilson was delivering his testimony Mrs. Schenk herself taking notes.

The chauffeur told of a "special night-gown" which Mrs. Schenk had while her husband was in Europe.

Witness also said Mrs. Schenk said she preferred Phillips to her own husband. The night before Mrs. Schenk's arrest was the occasion of the last clandestine joy ride, Wilson said.

"Dan gave her a present once," he added. "It was a gold flower basket."

The chauffeur told of the trip into the country for fresh eggs for Schenk, referred to yesterday by "Mrs. Klein," the detective-nurse. The following morning, he said, Mrs. Schenk had him drive to a saloon.

"She said she was in a awful hurry," he said. "When we got to the place Mrs. Schenk left the car. She was gone about ten minutes."

Went to Fortune Teller.

"Where did Mrs. Schenk usually go in that neighborhood?" Handlan asked.

"To Dr. Myers," witness said. "She would walk down from the machine."

The physician referred to is Dr. J. W. Myers, a reputable Wheeling practitioner.

"If anything happened, Lundy, you don't know a thing," a remark witness said Mrs. Schenk once made.

The prisoner's visits to "Little Eva," a Bellaire, O., fortune teller, and Rev. J. W. Way, Wheeling Spiritualist, were referred to.

She went to Rev. Way's house several times, witness said. "She said Way brooded," Mr. Schenk wouldn't live long and that he would die all of a sudden."

May Box on Stage.

Abe Attell, who is appearing in a boxing bout this week at Hurtig & Seamon's Harlem Music Hall, accompanied by his counsel, called on District Attorney Whitman to-day and wanted to know if there was any law to justify the police in their interference with his exhibition with Kid Broad last night.

Whitman told the pugilist that unless they fought for a prize, the police had no right to interfere with the bout and told Attell that he would inform the police of his opinion.

## ORIGINAL FASHIONS FOR HOME DRESSMAKERS



New Evening World Department Giving New Designs and Answering Queries.

BY MILDRED LODGEWICK.

The Evening World has started a Fashion Department for the benefit of home dressmakers who wish to have tasteful and pretty clothes at minimum expense. In addition to furnishing up-to-date original designs for gowns, queries will be answered as to material, method or style in dressmaking; how certain articles are best made, the most economical way to meet the requirements of fashion, etc.

Letters should be addressed to "Fashion Editor, Evening World."

Descriptions of above designs are given herewith:

I. Figured Organdie.

Dress of figured organdie with blue and pink flowers showing in the pattern. It is made with a straight full skirt trimmed with a very wide band of Venice lace left loose at the bottom edge from which falls a plaiting of blue chiffon. The waist has wide shoulder straps of the lace which cross in the front, forming a pointed yoke which is softened against the neck with a chiffon plaiting. The small sleeve is held at the elbow with a band of blue satin ribbon drawn through a puffing of the material and tied on the back in chic bow. The waist line is also finished in like manner with a band of the ribbon which is pulled through on each side and tied in two up-standing loops and long streamers down the front.

II. Apple Green Marquisette.

Apple green marquisette dress made with an over-drapery which forms a tunic. The sleeve is in one with the waist and has a band of silver threaded lace holding the gathers on the back of it. A small piece of the lace shows in the front of the yoke, and also in the front of the tunic where one side crosses over the other. A band of it tying the bottom of the skirt above a plaiting of the green chiffon. Small dull blue roses with deep green leaves surround the waist and give a beautiful touch of color to the dainty frock.

III. Flesh-Colored Chiffon.

Frock of flesh-colored chiffon made over a coral pink satin forerun. A band of rich embroidery in silver and shaded tones of pink is laid across the bust, serving to hold a fichu of the chiffon.

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Kindly let me know how many yards of material it would require to make a dress that appeared in Saturday night's World on the first figure on the left, also how many yards of the Oriental embroidery. Am seventeen years of age, but 38 inches. A Reader.

If you cut economically, 4 yards of material 45 inches wide will be sufficient for the dress, and 2 1/2 yards of the Oriental embroidery.

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## FIRE KILLS ONE, SECOND VICTIM IS NEAR DEATH

Families in a Fashionable Apartment House Flee to Shiver in Street.

FIREMEN ARE TRAPPED.

Blaze Starts in Room Where Pay Day Celebration Ended in Sleep.

One man was burned to death, another was mortally injured and fifty-three families in the Dutchess Palace Court, a fashionable apartment house at No. 54 West One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, were driven to the street by flames at 2 o'clock this morning.

The cry of fire sounded through the house when C. W. Walters of No. 1071 St. Nicholas avenue, discovered a blaze in the basement. Walters was passing the building when he saw a curl of flame through the grating. Then came a puff of smoke, and instantly the hallway was suffocating.

John Langro, superintendent of the building, sent a call for the engines from One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and St. Nicholas avenue. Then he returned to arouse the tenants.

Found One Dead, One Dying.

Many of the tenants took the elevator to get to the street, the hallway continuing to run it although the smoke was getting thicker. After the tenants were safe some one said that neither of the stationary firemen who slept in a cellar room had been seen. Supt. Langro and several other men went to the basement and there stumbled over the unconscious form of James Johnson, one of the firemen. Johnson was unconscious from smoke and was horribly burned about the head and body. He was removed to Washington Heights Hospital by Dr. Smol. There it was said he would likely die.

The firemen didn't have much trouble with the blaze. It had started in the room occupied by the firemen. This room was solid concrete with the exception of one window and the door, and the blaze was confined to it.

When the fire was out, firemen entered the room and found the body of Philip Avonson, the other stationary fireman. He had been burned to death and his hand clasped a pipe.

Men Had Been Celebrating.

The pipe and numerous empty bottles told the story. The two firemen were employed by the superintendent on Jan. 1 and were paid yesterday for two weeks' work. The men at once began celebrating and last night they were intoxicated. While Johnson kept watch over the furnace it is said that Avonson

lay back on the bed and smoked the pipe. The mattress caught from sparks and the fire followed. Avonson was too intoxicated to save his own life and Johnson couldn't get further than the cellar hall before he fell, overcome by smoke and his clothes burning.

During the fire many of the tenants stood in the street shivering from cold. The damage to the apartment house was not more than \$100.

DROPS OUT OF SIGHT.

Buyer Carvin, of Millinery Firm, Missing After Leaving Hotel.

D. C. Griffith of the millinery firm of Griffith Brothers, Indianapolis, with an office at Broadway and Houston street, at Police Headquarters to-day asked that a general alarm be sent out for Grville C. Carvin, buyer for the firm.

Mr. Carvin, who is forty-eight years old and lives near Indianapolis, has not been seen by any one who knew him since Saturday. On Friday evening he dined with Mr. Griffith at the Prince George Hotel, where he had been stopping. On Saturday he paid his hotel bill and said he was going to take a train at the Pennsylvania station for Cleveland.

Mr. Griffith said Carvin's accounts were straight and he was a man of methodical habits. He had considerable money and valuable jewelry.

## NURSES GET DIPHTHERIA FROM HOSPITAL CASES.

Physician at Harlem Institution Also Stricken After Examination of Small Boy.

One day last week a little boy was taken to the Harlem Hospital from a tenement on the upper east side suffering from a throat trouble. Dr. Louis Martin, an interne, attended him and after a few hours diagnosed the lad's case as one of diphtheria and he was rushed off to Willard Parker Hospital, where contagious disease cases are cared for.

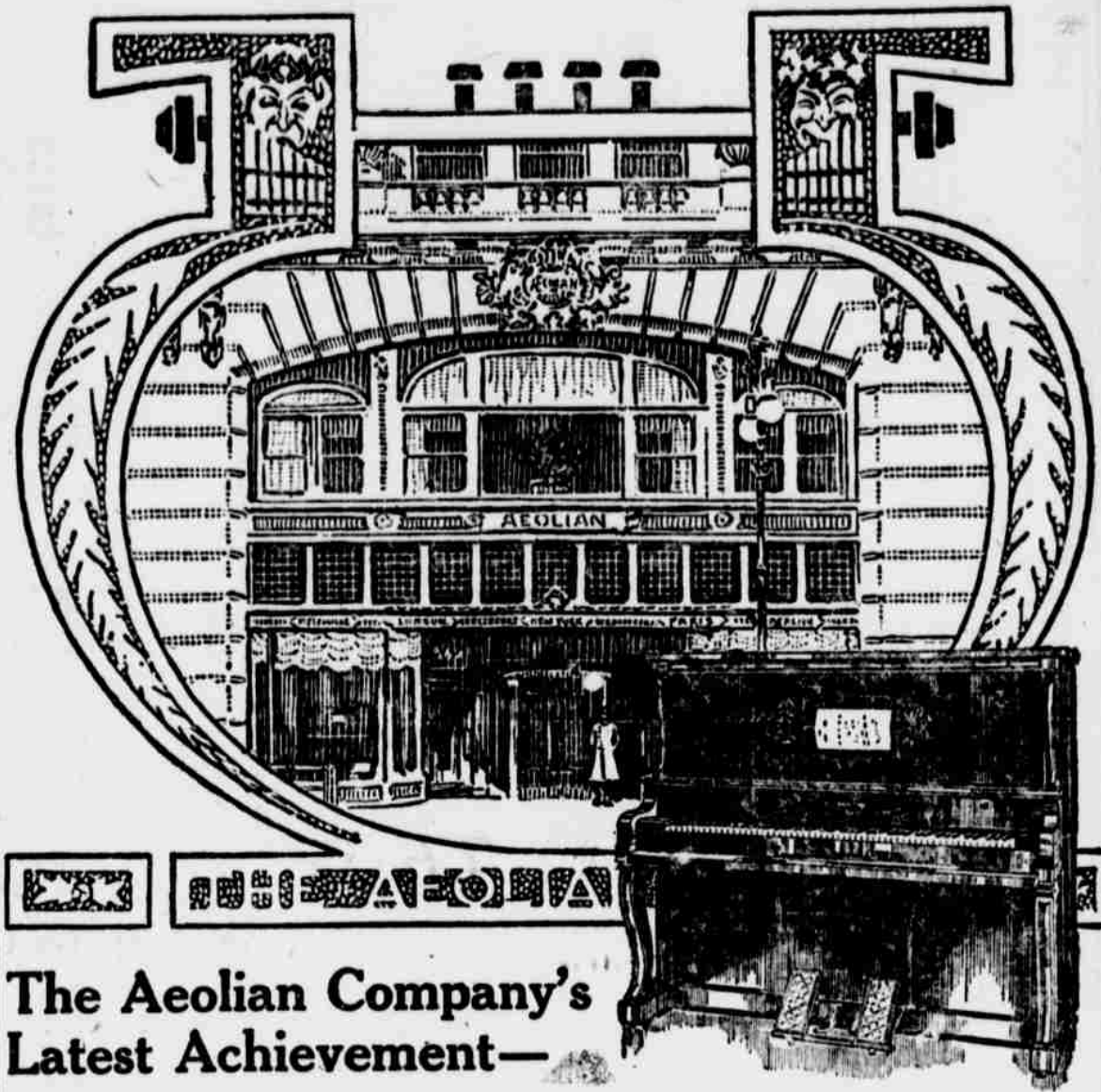
In the mean time though, a head ward nurse, Mrs. Letitia McClintock, and two other nurses, Miss Bridget Martin and Miss Florence Callan, had been exposed to the disease through their ministrations for the little fellow. Within a very short time the physician and all three of the nurses developed diphtheria. They are now at Minton Hospital under treatment. In the same wing with them are Miss Jackson and Miss Schirderweiss, Bellevue nurses, who also have diphtheria as a result of contact with persons in the earlier stages of the disease, making

six employees of the Allied City Hospital all down at once with diphtheria. It is believed that all six of the sufferers will recover.

Gas Victim in Hospital.

Peter Humbeck, forty-three, an engineer, of No. 132 East Ninety-third street, attempted to kill himself with gas this morning, the police say. He was sent to Presbyterian Hospital and doctors say he will recover.

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